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## MONTHLY GET TOGETHER JANUARY 2015

by Sheton Jayasekara VP Training.

The monthly get together of the SLMC for the month of January 2005 was held at the "Vishmithapaya" on 25/01/05 commencing around 10.15am.

The President Joy requested the members to observe 2 minutes silence in order to respect the members who have departed and requested GS Devsiri to conduct the proceeding.

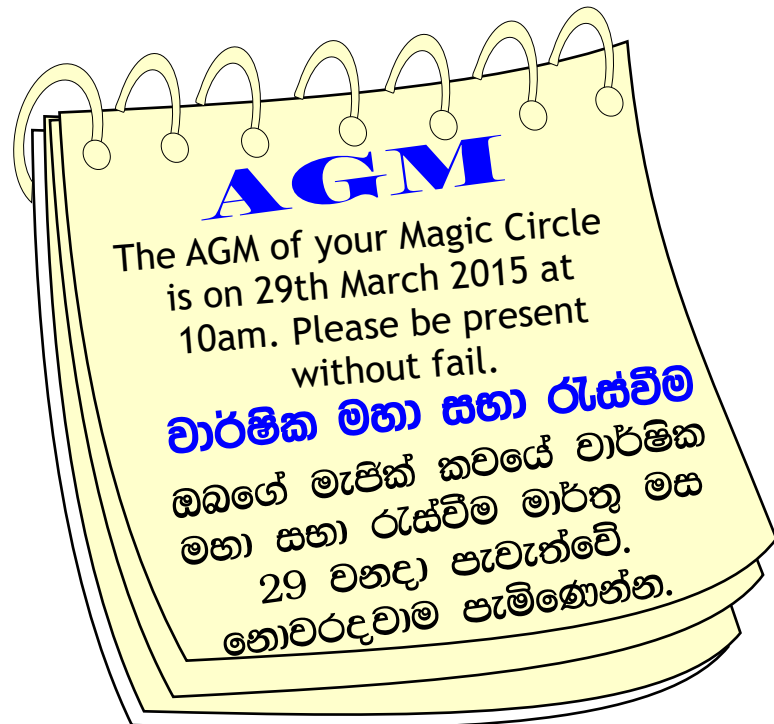
GS first read out the list of names of members who requested be excused. Then thanked VP Rohan for planning and organizing the Christmas party held on the 29th of Last December and said that everything was well organized and that everybody including children enjoyed. There were various comments by the members. Rohan thanked VP Suranjith for planning the entire party. Rohan also said that the new members should continue such events in future and to make more members get involved in such events.

President Joy then spoke to the members and regarding the building fund and asked the members to make contributions towards this and requested the members who are residing out of Colombo to organize public shows and also in schools.

It was time for members' performances Dr.Keerthi Weerawardana who had returned after a tour in Mumbai came up first and performed a card trick with the help of a volunteer and next he performed the milk pitcher and went on to another

card trick using three aces and two kings similar to the three card monte. Next was Priyantha Gamage performed a trick with a silk where he passed a silk round a solid object, holding two ends of the silk the with the two hands he pulled the silk through the object penetrating the object. (Reel magic). Next was Chandrasena Gamage. He too performed a card trick. He shuffled the pack and cut the pack into four heaps. On turning the top cards of the heaps it was found that they were of the same value. VP Shelton came up next what was originally

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**The 93rd Anniversary of the SLMC falls on 18th February 2015**

Next MEMBERS DAY  
Sunday Feb. 22nd

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Another step down memory lane with H D N Gunesequera



*The Magical Weerasinghe family then and now*

At the peak of my enthusiasm in Magic as a layman, I never missed a magic show in the city. At a Magic Circle Show at YMBA, Borella in 1978, 'Prof. Daniels' (Vernon Daniels) taught a trick to the audience (Burn and restore a ribbon with the help of a match box) and made an open invitation; "Come and join us, if you want to become a magician..... There are enough vacant seats in the Magic Circle", which prompted me to join the SLMC.

Back of the ticket there was rubber stamp "Nihal P. Weerasinghe, Secretary SLMC, 27, Sea Beach Road, Ratmalana" to which I sent a PC and received a reply in return post with an application

## “Nihal Weerasinghe – A true “Father” of Magic ”



form. I went in search of the address with the completed form and the lady at the house (Sujatha) directed me to Ratmalana Technical College. There I met the 'Secretary, SLMC' who was conducting a class (not in Magic, but in Mechanical Drawing or something) and handed over my application with the fee.

Those days to a new comer, who was unaware of a council, it appeared that Nihal was everybody in the SLMC..... He was the Secretary.... He was the Editor of 'The Wand' ..... He conducted the get-togethers.....He performed almost at every show..... He was the compeer in the absence of Haleem.... He was the organizer of the conventions..... etc. etc. At the 1979 A.G.M. he stepped down from the active role (to devote more time for his higher studies) and was made a Vice President. Even as a VP he chaired sub committees of "1980 - Super International Convention" and "1982 - Mudaliyar Amarasekara Centenary Celebrations", two of the outstanding events in the annals of the SLMC. One should not forget in 1980 international communication was mainly by post and not as instant as today with IT. He coordinated with the 'College Magique de Bourges' ( France), perfectly to have the most successful convention we had so far.

Nihal was a Surveyor by profession joined the SLMC in 24th May 1969. He won the Mudaliyar Amarasekara shield as the 'Magician of the Year 1971' and the Open National Contest 1n 1975. He came into the Council in 1972, became the Editor of the 'Wand' in 1974, the Secretary in 1977 and a Vice President in 1979. He joined the IBM Ring 139 when revived in 1978 and served as its Territorial Representative. He continued his IBM membership to date as an individual member at the times of Ring 139's dormant periods.

Nihal worked in Middle East during those early days of expatriate service and then moved to USA with his family to settle there.

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*Nihal performing now and then*

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Some action pics of Nihal from the past

His wife Sujatha, and children Kanchana, Wasana and Sadhana ; all were members of the SLMC who took part in the SLMC shows. Today, all members of his family including the grand children are performing magicians and live in Houston, USA.

In Bahrain or in Houston he was "Nihal the Magician" in addition to whatever his career be. Other than the SLMC and the Ring 139, he holds the memberships in IBM Ring 45 (Order of Merlin), International Magicians Society, USA; and the College Magique de Bourges, France. A true Magician of the international stature; and he had attended almost all the major Conventions in USA and UK.

Few months ago Nihal donated a valuable collection of books and periodicals to the SLMC library, when he took the final decision to leave Sri Lanka to live in USA for the rest of his life, with his children. The SLMC appreciated his enormous services and elevated him to the elite group of "Honorary Life Members".



Let us bid him Good Bye!  
and Bon Voyage!

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**RAFFLE**

In aid of Charity & Sri Lanka Magic Circle Welfare Activities

1<sup>st</sup> Price worth Rs. 15,000/-

2<sup>nd</sup> Price worth Rs. 10,000/-

3<sup>rd</sup> Price worth Rs. 5,000/-

And 7 consolation prices

Date of Draw 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015

At No 156, Templers Road, Mt. Lavinia  
Rs. 25/- per Ticket

Dear Members,

As mentioned above in Sinhala, this is another "ATTEMPT" of mine to collect sufficient money to "swell" or "increase" our Building fund, without which we are unable to carry out building operations on the upper floor of our building. For this purpose I have already got RAFFLE tickets printed to be sold to our members, well wishers and friends. Please give your unstinted support to me to make this venture a success.

In a Raffle Ticket Book there are twenty 25/- rupee tickets. If all 20 tickets are sold the seller is entitled to 2 free tickets. Once again, let me APPEAL to all our members to buy 5 or more ticket books each in order to help our Building Fund.

Let us all help each other to bring JOY AND HAPPINESS to our souls. I am the oldest member in our Magic Circle. (At the age of 88 years) and am ready and willing to help our MAGIC CIRCLE till I breathe my last.

-Joy-  
President

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known as the Gozinta boxes, but now called the 'in and out box'. He showed a black box and on opening it there was a red box inside the black box. Although obviously the red box was smaller than the black box he opened the red box and put the black box into it and closed it. Chandrasena Gamage came up next and performed another card trick bringing the days performances to a close.

Refreshments were served as arranged by Thusitha Jayasekara her birthday being during the month.

VP Rohan then delivered a talk on 'presentation' where he said that even a very small trick can be made big through presentation. The days proceeding came to a close around 12.00noon.

## Ronnie breaks record

In February 2015 past President Ronald de Alwis completed **63 years as a member** of the SLMC breaking the record held by the Founder Gate Mudliar A C G S Amarasekera.  
*Great going Ronnie!!*

## Free Magic Show



Our energetic and methodical Librarian Wilhelm Perera did a free Magic Show at the special stage in the Childrens Ward of the Cancer Hospital, Maharagama.

He says " *It was my pleasure performing for the most needed and see their reaction that cannot be measured or converted into liquid cash*"

**Thats the spirit Wilhelm.**

**More strength to your Magic**

## Happy Birthday our February Birthday Boys and Girls

- 2 K W Silva
- 4 Nelson Jayawardane
- 5 Ajith Jayasinghe
- 6 H. D. N. Gunasekara
- 7 Shelton Jayasekera
- 12 Nihal Weerasinghe
- 15 Ms. Nishika Pieris
- 16 M.K.Wimalasena
- 17 L. A. Seneviratne
- 23 Ajith Fernando
- 27 Lester De Silva



*Bring your B'day treat on Sunday*

"Before  
there  
can  
be  
wonders,  
there  
must  
be  
wonder."



-David Copperfield

## Resolutions and Nominations

AGM will be held on 29th March 2015 at Vishmithapaya at 10AM.

Resolutions should be sent to reach the General Secretary on or before 10th March 2015

Members are encouraged to send in Nominations to Serve on the Board for the following posts. President, EVP & 6 VPs, Treasurer, Asst Secretary, Asst Treasurer, Librarian and Chief Internal Auditor.

**Devsiri Fernando**  
**General Secretary**